

REMARKS

I. Status of the Application

Claims 1-4, 7 and 18-21 are pending in the application following entry of the amendments made herein. Specifically, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.116(b)(1), Applicants herein cancel Claims 22-23 and amend Claim 7 in order to place all claims in condition for allowance. Applicants note that Claims 1-4 and 18-21 were found allowable in the Final Office Action mailed July 31, 2007. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner enter these amendments and issue a notice of allowance for Claims 1-4, 7, and 18-21.

II. Amended Claim 7 is Supported By An Adequate Written Description

The Examiner rejected Claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. (Office Action, page 2).

Applicants have amended Claim 7 to remove Servier-S5590 from the claim.

Applicants respectfully submit that amended Claim 7 is definite.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of Claim 7 made under 35 U.S.C. §112.

III. The Amended Claims Are Allowable

The Examiner rejected Claims 22 and 23 as allegedly being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Applicants respectfully disagree.

Nonetheless, without acquiescing to any of the Examiner's arguments or rejections, and in order to further Applicants' business interests, and without waiving the right to prosecute the cancelled claims (or similar claims) in the future, Applicants have cancelled Claims 22 and 23

Applicants respectfully request Claims 1-4, 7, and 18-21 be passed to allowance.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that Applicants have addressed all grounds for rejection and Applicants' claims should be passed to allowance.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application, Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned collect at (608) 218-6900.

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